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'I just can't go': Estabrooks



An emotional Bill Estabrooks hugs fellow MLA Leonard Preyra following a cabinet shuffle on Wednesday afternoon. Estabrooks and Graham Steele announced they are not reoffering in the next election. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

Cabinet shakeup.

Longtime NDPer not reoffering, Graham Steele also not running again



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Two of the highest-profile and longest-serving members of Premier Darrell Dexter's cabinet revealed they will not be seeking re-election Wednesday.

Finance Minister Graham Steele and Bill Estabrooks, the minister of transportation and infrastructure renewal, have resigned from cabinet effective immediately. The two men had different reasons for leaving.

"I have 500 clean, polished election signs in my basement. And if my health was ready, I would go again in a minute," an emotional Estabrooks told reporters after the announcement and ceremony at Government House. "But I just can't go."

Estabrooks was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease in 2008. He has served for the past year and a half as transportation minis-



Graham Steele. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

ter while dealing with the neurodegenerative disease.

"Parkinson's is grinding away at me," said the MLA, first elected in 1998. "Based upon some health advice back in January, I went to the premier ... in March and said, 'You know, I can serve through this Treasury Board session, I can serve through until we get this budget passed, but after the

house adjourns I'm going to resign as cabinet minister.'"

For Steele's part, he said he's been thinking about stepping down for the past six months.

"At this point in my life and my career, it's time to do something else," Steele told reporters. "When the next election rolls around, I will be in politics either as a staffer or an elected person for 15 years. And for me, personally, that's enough."

But Steele did not rule out a return to politics — joking he can confirm he will not run for mayor of HRM — at either the provincial or federal level in the future.

Estabrooks will be replaced by rookie MLA Maurice Smith, who was elected in the 2009 byelection in Antigonish.

Maureen MacDonald, until Wednesday the minister of health and wellness, is replacing Steele at finance. **MORE COVERAGE, PAGE 3**

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Estabrooks "is an old jock, right? He said, 'I want to be on the ice, I want to make sure I'm doing my bit for the team.' And I told him that he'd already left everything there on the ice." Premier Darrell Dexter



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Education

School board budget passes, but not unanimously

Three Halifax Regional School Board members tried to voice their objections to provincial cuts — and risked possible disbandment — by voting against the budget Wednesday night.

But in the end, the board passed the budget by a vote of 7-3. The board had to come up with a way to cover a \$10-million shortfall created from a reduction of funding from the province and having to cover several cost pressures including higher power and oil bills.

Most of the savings came from cutting 175 full-time teaching positions and 13 non-teacher positions.

"I'm compelled to vote against this budget," said board member David Cameron. "We received the lowest grant of any board in the province on per-student basis. Is that fair?"

He said the NDP government chose to "buy a political favour" at the cost of students. Cameron asked his colleagues to join him in a small act of defiance.

But board member Gin Yee said they have a responsibility to the taxpayers and need to follow the law. By legislation, the board must approve a budget or the education department could disband it.

Board Chair Irvine Carvery said he would have voted against the budget but couldn't because the school board created it, not the province. **JENNIFER TAPLIN/METRO**



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Former health minister Maureen MacDonald was sworn in as the province's first female finance minister on Wednesday afternoon. MacDonald is replacing Graham Steele who has decided not to seek re-election. **RYAN TAPLIN/METRO**

Preyra, Smith land cabinet positions

Shuffle. Long-term plans for finance, transportation to continue under new ministers: Premier



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Prompted by the departure of Graham Steele and Bill Estabrooks, Premier Darrell Dexter announced a cabinet shuffle on Wednesday.

Three of the most important portfolios in the province have changed hands, while

two new MLAs have been welcomed into cabinet.

Perhaps the most significant shift comes in finance, vacated by Steele. Maureen MacDonald, who has served as health minister since 2009, will take over that file.

"I think (MacDonald) is going to be a fabulous minister of finance," said Premier Darrell Dexter after the swearing-in of his new cabinet at Government House.

"A change in the minister of finance is not a change in the direction of government ... We mapped out a plan, now almost three years ago, and she will see it to its completion."

Dexter was referring to his government's promise to



Dave Wilson **METRO**

balance the books by 2013, at the tail end of the NDP's first mandate. Much of that leg work was done by Steele, who has served as finance minister since the NDP formed government in 2009.

Former paramedic Dave

Wilson, a rookie cabinet minister, but long-time MLA, will assume MacDonald's position at the Department of Health.

Wilson was the minister of the Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage — a position that will now be filled by MLA Leonard Preyra.

Preyra's riding, Halifax Citadel-Sable Island, is perhaps the safest NDP riding in the province. Not so for Maurice Smith, the rookie MLA elected in a 2009 by-election in Antigonish, who will be taking over for Estabrooks at transportation and infrastructure renewal.

Smith will also take over Gaelic affairs, while Wilson will be the minister responsible for Acadian affairs.



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On the web

Facebook CEO going through money woes?

It's not just Facebook's stocks that are going through some tough times these days. Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg was caught on camera dumbfounded after unsuccessfully trying to withdraw money from an ATM. Watch the clip online at metronews.ca.

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Petty fans on 'cloud nine' for debut show in Halifax

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Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers will perform for the first time in Halifax Thursday night

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Jason Arnold refers to himself as a Tom Petty super fan.

And at Thursday night's much anticipated Petty concert at the Halifax Metro Centre, he plans to be carrying his Wildflowers album and asking the famous rock star for an autograph.

"Ever since I found out he was coming, I've been on cloud nine," said Arnold, a Sackville resident.

He got his tickets for the sixth row on the floor on pre-sale, and he said he'll be attending the show with his wife and a few friends.

Arnold, a member of the Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers' exclusive fan club, is an avid collector of Petty CDs, vinyls, magazine covers and T-shirts.

He's been following Petty's career since the 1980s and visited cities like Toronto to see him perform. But now, for the first time, he'll get to watch Petty in his own backyard.

He said he hopes the singer-songwriter will re-

On tour

- **Arrival.** Show promoter David Carver said Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers will be arriving into town during the day Thursday.

- **Next stop.** After the show in Halifax, the group is playing dates at Mile One Stadium in St. John's, N.L. Saturday and Sunday.

"Everybody you talk to about Tom Petty, everybody raves about how great the show is," Carver proclaimed. "It's going to be powerful."

spond to his giant bristle-board sign asking for a signature, but said he'd be content even just to share a few words with the man himself.

"That would be my ultimate dream come true," he said.

And Arnold's not the only one getting excited about the big show.

Rob MacCormick, a Fall River resident and self-described rock concert addict who catches 20 to 40 shows a year, said he's seen all his favourite rock gods — including John Mellencamp, Bruce Springsteen and John Fogerty — while travelling for work.



Rock legend Tom Petty performs at the Bridgestone halftime show during Super Bowl XLII in 2008 at the University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, Ariz.

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Cancellation

- **Opener.** Jimmy Cliff is no longer opening for Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers.
- **Schedule.** The Hall of Fame musician had to bow out due to a scheduling conflict.
- **New act.** The new opening act is The Blind Boys Of Alabama, who are considered living legends of gospel music.

Last-minute sales

Petty tickets up for grabs

Show promoter David Carver has told Metro some additional seats are being made available today for tonight's Tom Petty show and will go for the price of \$40, plus taxes and service charges.

In an interview on Wednesday, Carver couldn't put a number on how many seats it would be, but it appears at least several dozen.

Trade Centre Ltd. spokes-

woman Suzanne Fougere said the added tickets would be available through Ticket Atlantic points-of-sale first thing Thursday morning.

The show isn't completely sold out, even before the added seats. Carver estimated about 100 tickets remain around various sections. It was unclear whether those remaining tickets would also be sold for \$40.

Advertised tickets prices for Petty are between \$103 and \$206.50.

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Rock n' roll

"He's a legend. They don't really make rock stars like that anymore."

Christina Trites, who has floor seats for Thursday's show in Halifax

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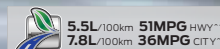
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Outbreaks. Audit finds pervasive inattention to infection control

Deadly outbreaks of the C. difficile in two Cape Breton hospitals might have been avoided if staff had used proper cleaning methods to prevent the spread of infections, Nova Scotia's auditor general said Wednesday.

Jacques Lapointe said in a report that the failure to take basic precautions while cleaning up the waste of patients infected with the bacteria was part of "a poor culture of infection prevention" at the Cape Breton District Health Authority.

"Cleaning (bedpans) in a separate location from patient rooms is a basic infection prevention and control practice which helps to limit the spread of disease," says the report.

The audit cites poor hand-washing practices, staff using high-pressure water sprays that splashed germs around, and one instance of an infected female patient rolling her wheelchair into communal areas of a hospital.

The hospital in Glace Bay and the Cape Breton Regional Hospital in Sydney had deadly outbreaks of the bacteria last year. The first outbreak of patients suffering the painful in-

Outgoing CEO

- John Malcom, who retires this week as the district health authority's chief executive, said the hospital has accepted and adopted the auditor's recommendations, and he has personally apologized to the families of the patients.

testinal cramps and diarrhea that come with the illness happened at both facilities in February 2011. The second outbreak occurred on two units at the Cape Breton Regional Hospital in December 2011 and lasted until February.

The health authority says that four patients died due to the illness in the first outbreak, and one death occurred in the second outbreak.

Lapointe's report looked at the hospital procedures from April 2009 until June 2011 and relied heavily on two reports done by the Health Department's infection prevention and control unit.

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AG slams lack of progress on adopting recommendations

Not doing their homework. Lapointe says Department of Education worst offender from 2005-09



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Provincial auditor general Jacques Lapointe says some government departments are not making his office's recommendations a priority.

The first section of Lapointe's January 2012 report to the House of Assembly, released Wednesday, revealed successive governments have implemented 63 per cent of his office's recommendations between 2005 and 2009.

And a full 82 out of 510 recommendations flagged as complete by the province's Treasury Board were inaccurate.

"In the database we looked at, we only looked to 2009 ... (and) we managed to find 82 mistakes out of the 510 that we

Quoted

"Some of the recommendations are still in progress. And staff will be meeting with the AG's office later this week to continue to work."

Education Minister Ramona Jenne

looked at," Lapointe told reporters Wednesday.

Lapointe recommended the Treasury Board develop a quality assurance system that would ensure the method of tracking action on his recommendations — and, by extension, the NDP's twice yearly update on those recommendations — are accurate.

The Treasury Board disagreed, saying the cost of increased oversight would outweigh the benefit of presenting accurate information both to cabinet and to the public.

The Department of Education was the worst offender in terms of implementing recommendations from the auditor



Nova Scotia Auditor General Jacques Lapointe fields questions at a news conference in Halifax on Wednesday.
ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

general's office between 2005 and 2009, managing to get around to just 13 per cent. In addition, Lapointe found the department was uncooperative when his office requested information on the progress.

"In this case, getting this follow up information, I would say we were a low priority with the

department," said Lapointe.

Education Minister Ramona Jenne said she'll be following up with her staff on that point, but downplayed Lapointe's overall argument. "Since we've (formed) office, and since any of the recommendations since 2010 ... we're at 88 per cent compliance," said Jenne.

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Higher education. More foreign students filling Maritime universities

Maritime universities are a hit with international students, according to a report released Wednesday.

The Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission says the number of international students in the region has more than doubled in the past decade. They used to make up one in 20 of the student population and now international students are at least one in 10.

The rise in the number of international students helps

International exchange

160

Universities in the region host students from 160 countries who pay much higher tuition fees than Canadian students.

with stability "at a time when fewer Maritimers are enrolling," Mireille Duguay, the commission spokeswoman, said in a release.

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MV Miner

Grounded ship to be salvaged

A ship that's been stranded on Scatarie Island off Nova Scotia for more than eight months will be removed by a New York salvage company.

The province says the Bennington Group will

dismantle and remove the wreck of the MV Miner, which is owned by Arvina Navigation.

A Greek tugboat was towing the MV Miner on Sept. 20 when its line broke and the ship ran aground.

The ship, a retired Great Lakes bulk carrier, was on its way from Montreal to Turkey, where it was to be scrapped.

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Birch Cove Lakes. Public meeting to discuss plans for new wilderness park

HRM residents hoping to shape a future wilderness park will have their say Thursday night.

HRM is holding a visioning session for the proposed Blue Mountain Birch Cove Lakes park at 6:30 p.m. at St. Peter's Church Hall (3 Dakin Dr. in Halifax).

The idea for the proposed

park was approved in the HRM Regional Plan in 2006 and the province designated land within the boundary and just west of it as a protected wilderness area in 2009.

Staff will give a presentation on the status of the park, the work being done and what is needed to create the

park. JENNIFER TAPLIN/METRO



My Brightest Diamond is one of the main stage acts at this year's Halifax Jazz Festival, which runs July 6 to 14. CONTRIBUTED

Halifax ready for all that jazz this summer

JazzEast. Popular festival bringing in big names, adding free shows

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Two free night concerts, big-name headliners and a special series featuring French artists highlight this summer's 26th annual Halifax Jazz Festival.

JazzEast artistic director Laura (Lulu) Healy said Wednesday that she hopes the first-ever free concerts on Monday

Bringing jazz to the people

"The focus has always been diversity in jazz. We want to make sure we cater to everyone."

Olga Manzoni, JazzEast chair

and Tuesday nights, along with the traditional daily free shows at the festival tent on Lower Water Street, will serve as an invitation for newcomers.

"It gives people the chance to come and check it out without taking too much of a risk, and see what the festival feels like with some jazz that's accessible, but also really interesting," Healy said during a media launch at the Music Room in

Halifax.

This summer's lineup includes artists representing a wide range of styles, among them traditional saxophone and brass acts alongside avant garde, hip-hop, blues, funk, soul and folk groups. Performances will take place at 12 official and six affiliated venues around the city.

Despite some rainy weather at last year's festival, Heather

Gibson, the event's executive director, said some 50,000 people attended. With warmer temperatures and the help of more than 500 dedicated volunteers, organizers hope to attract even more this year.

The festival opens July 6 at the main festival tent with performances by Soul Rebels, L'Orkestre Pas Perdue, the Booty Boppin' Jazz Band and DJ Double.

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Province shutting down properties used for prostitution, drugs

Tenants evicted.

Halifax police have responded to the three properties on Victoria Road more than 700 times since 2008



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The province is shutting down and evicting the tenants of three Dartmouth properties.

Supreme Court Justice John Murphy signed the or-

der on Wednesday under the 2007 Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act, a provincial government release said. There were seven evictions before this one under the act and 122 voluntary evictions.

The properties in question are all on Victoria Road: 14, 14A and the lower part of 6.

Murphy ruled on the evidence these locations were heavily used for drugs and prostitution and are owned by the same person.

Halifax Regional Police have responded to these addresses more than 700 times since 2008.

"We've responded to

Leases to be voided

90

Starting June 8, the properties will be closed for 90 days and it will void the leases for the tenants.

these addresses hundreds of times over the last several years for drug, weapons and prostitution offences, among others. This criminal activity has significantly impacted residents in the area as well as the downtown Dartmouth business district," said Chief Frank Beazley of Halifax Regional Police in a release.

Funeral today. Police appeal to public for information in murder investigation

As family and friends gather Thursday for the funeral of a 21-year-old Bras d'Or woman found murdered last week, Cape Breton Regional Police investigators are working hard in the hunt to find her killer.

Staff Sgt. Mike Kennedy, who heads the major crime section, said investigators were expected to complete their search Wednesday of the Mira River where the body of Laura Catherine Jessome was discovered Friday.

"We are still going flat out and we will likely be in that mode for some time," said Kennedy.



Laura Catherine Jessome

FACEBOOK

He said 25 investigators have been assigned to the case and police have received a

number of tips from the public and are busy tracking down all information they receive.

Police have not released many details, including how long the body may have been in the river and the exact cause of death.

Jessome's body was found inside a hockey equipment bag along the shore of the Mira River in Marion Bridge.

According to her family, they had last had contact with Jessome about three weeks before her body was discovered. One family member said she had fallen in with the wrong crowd of people.

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Human foot. Harper's top aide opens package and finds grisly contents

It was a moment Jenni Byrne will never forget.

One of Prime Minister Stephen Harper's most senior staffers, she was handed a suspicious-looking package when it arrived at Conservative party headquarters just blocks from Parliament Hill.

Byrne warily examined the bloodstained box.

She opened it — and a foul, “horrible” odour escaped and overcame the office.

Inside, was a human foot. And so began one of the most disturbing police investigations ever.

For after that shock for Byrne on Tuesday, Ottawa police, in a night-long inves-

Mailed hate

From poop to hate mail, MPs get alarming items delivered to their offices.

- “I think human waste ... when I was in opposition,” Immigration Minister Jason Kenney said when asked about his weirdest mail.

tigation, found a hand at a Canada Post mail facility.

“I’m fine,” said Byrne — the national campaign manager for the 2011 general election. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Alleged kitten killing

Facebook group seeks a Magnotta

Long before a Canada-wide arrest warrant was issued for Luka Rocco Magnotta, a Facebook group lobbied to have a man by the same name arrested for allegedly killing kittens.

The group was created in response to a video that allegedly shows a kitten being killed in a vacuum-sealed bag.

A member of the kitten group said on the Facebook page on Wednesday: “Members of this group have spent over a year searching for this individual.”

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Porn actor hunted in body-parts homicide

Caution: Graphic content. A man is wanted in connection with a three-step crime: a killing, a dismemberment and a mailing of body parts to Ottawa



JOE LOFARO
Metro in Ottawa

Police are looking for a low-budget porn star wanted in a shocking homicide that came to light Tuesday when a severed foot was mailed to Tory party headquarters in Ottawa.

On Wednesday, Montreal police issued a Canada-wide arrest warrant for Luka Rocco Magnotta, 29, believed to be originally from Toronto.

He's connected to the discovery of a human torso in Montreal and mailed body parts found in Ottawa Tuesday.

Before the severed remains were discovered, someone



Luka Rocco Magnotta is shown in a photo from the website luka-magnotta.com. Magnotta is wanted in the shocking case of a dismembered body whose parts were mailed to Ottawa. THE CANADIAN PRESS/LUKA-MAGNOTTA.COM

posted a video online, purporting to show a young man being stabbed with an ice pick.

While the victim lay naked, the killer then dismembered the corpse and committed sex-

ual and cannibalistic acts on it.

The video is now being reviewed by Montreal police.

Magnotta, who police say also goes by the names Eric Clinton Newman and Vladimir Romanov, is described as white, five-feet-10 tall, weighing 134 pounds, with blue eyes and black hair.

His multiple identities were confusing enough that police had to issue a second press release Wednesday after originally identifying him as “Rocco Luka.” Police said Magnotta has no criminal record.

Following the grisly discovery of the human foot at the Conservative party's headquarters in Ottawa, police intercepted a package containing a hand at Canada Post's main terminal in Ottawa.

That package was destined for the Liberal Party of Canada, Montreal police said.

Both packages were mailed to Ottawa from Montreal. Police believe the body parts all belonged to the same male victim.

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Italy to rebuild area hit by second quake

Emilia Romagna region. Second quake strikes northern Italy; towns of Mirandola, Medolla and Cavezzo closest to epicentre

Italian rescue workers removed the last earthquake victim from the rubble on Wednesday, bringing the death toll to 17 as the government approved measures to rebuild the quake-hit area.

The area is crucial to Italy's economic health.

The magnitude-5.8 tremor north of Bologna on Tuesday felled old buildings and new factories and warehouses alike, many of them already weakened by a stronger quake on May 20 that measured 6.0 and killed



A woman rides her bike amid quake debris in Cavezzo, north Italy. LUCA BRUNO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

seven people.

In both quakes, the death toll consisted disproportionately of workers in factories, leading to questions about Italy's building codes or pos-

sible corruption.

"I remember with sorrow the deaths in Emilia, who died while working, mostly workers but also entrepreneurs," said Interior Minister Anna Maria Cancellieri. Prime Minister Mario Monti has promised the government will do whatever is necessary to rebuild the region.

On Wednesday, the government approved measures, including raising the price of gas by .02 cents a litre, to begin the reconstruction of homes, businesses and historic structures, including many churches in the stricken area.

The quake, which also injured 350 people, dealt another blow to one of the country's most productive regions at a time when Italy is struggling to restart its economy.

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Killing of 18 protesters

Egyptian cop gets five years

A court has convicted a policeman on charges of killing demonstrators during last year's uprising and sentenced him to five years in prison. Mohammed el-Sunni took part in killing 18 protesters.

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The Hague

Taylor guilty of aiding rebels

Former Liberian President Charles Taylor has been sentenced to 50 years. He is the first former head of state since the Second World War to be convicted by an international war crimes court.

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Charles Taylor was found guilty on 11 counts of aiding and abetting rebels who killed more than 50,000 in Sierra Leone. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Massacre of villagers. UN's human-rights council meets to discuss Syria

A UN body will hold a special session Friday on the deteriorating situation in Syria and last week's massacre of more than 100 Syrian villagers.

The UN Human Rights

Council said Wednesday its special session will address the massacre in Houla, Syria, which drew international condemnation and prompted the U.S. and at

least a dozen other nations to expel Syrian diplomats.

The massacre has provoked strong global condemnation.

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Lengthy recovery for face-chewing victim

Multiple surgeries.

After gruesome attack, doctors say the biggest concern now for Miami's Ronald Poppo is infection from the injuries themselves.

A homeless man whose face was mostly chewed off in a bizarre, vicious attack faces a bigger threat from infection than from the injuries themselves, according to experts on facial reconstruction.

He will require months of treatment to rebuild his features and be permanently disfigured.

Though gruesome, such severe facial injuries are generally not life-threatening. The most serious risk to Ronald Poppo as he remained hospitalized Wednesday were germs that may have been introduced by the bites of the naked man who attacked him. One of the 65-year-old's eyes was also

Real life horror

It's not clear why Ronald Poppo was attacked Saturday afternoon by 31-year-old Rudy Eugene alongside a busy highway.

- Surveillance video shows Eugene pulling Poppo, stripping and pummeling him before appearing to lie on top of him.
- A witness to carnage. A bystander alleged Eugene ripped at Poppo's face with his mouth and growled at a Miami police officer who ordered him to get off the homeless man. The officer shot and killed Eugene.

gouged out.

"The human mouth is basically filthy," said Dr. Seth Thaller, the chief of plastic and reconstructive surgery at the University of Miami's Miller School of Medicine.



Rudy Eugene, 31, left, who police shot and killed as he ate the face of Ronald Poppo, 65, right, on Saturday. MIAMI-DADE POLICE DEPT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Police union officials representing the officer said the scene on the MacArthur Causeway was one of the goriest they had ever seen.

"He had his face eaten down to his goatee. The forehead was just bone. No nose, no mouth," said Sgt. Armando Aguilar, president of the Miami Fraternal Order of Police.

Poppo has been in critical condition in recent days, but

police didn't give an update on his condition Wednesday.

Thaller, who is not treating Poppo, and other plastic surgeons said the rebuilding of Poppo's face would happen in stages after doctors try to keep his wounds clean, salvage viable tissue and determine a plan for skin grafts. Protecting his remaining eye and maintaining an airway are priorities. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Japanese produce first radiation-monitoring phone

Technology. Softbank president says he was responding to concerns sent to the company after meltdowns at the Fukushima power plant

Worries over radiation are so rampant in Japan after last year's nuclear meltdowns that the world's first cell-phones with built-in radiation monitors are going on sale.

Softbank Corp., the carrier for the hit iPhone and iPad in Japan, says the Pantone 5 mobile device, which shows the microsieverts-per-hour number on a display at a push of a button, will go on sale in July. Pricing was not announced.

The tsunami last March in northeastern Japan set off



The Pantone 5 mobile device.
SHIZUO KAMBAYASHI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

dren.

Softbank president Masayoshi Son publicly opposes nuclear power after the disaster, and is an aggressive proponent of solar and other renewable energy. He said he was responding to concerns sent into the company, including requests on Twitter.

The device by Japanese electronics maker Sharp Corp. works like a dosimeter. It measures the radiation in one's surroundings, such as on the ground or in the air, in two minutes. It does not measure radiation in food or water.

People in parts of Fukushima are still being exposed to radiation higher than the one millisievert a year set as safe by Japan before the disaster. Studies have found that cancer risks rise at an annual exposure of 100 millisieverts or above.

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meltdowns and explosions at Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant.

Areas near the plant are a no-go zone. But "hotspots" have popped up in many places, including Tokyo. Many Japanese are worried, especially families with chil-

Russia

Chess champ retains title

World chess champion Viswanathan Anand of India has retained his title, beating Israeli challenger Boris Gelfand 2.5-1.5 in a rapid tiebreaker round of four games.

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Final rest

Everest climber's ashes brought back

The husband of a Canadian woman who died hours after reaching the summit of Mount Everest says his wife will be officially laid to rest in the country she called home.

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Cellphone pics

Man faces voyeurism charge

A man is facing a voyeurism charge after police allege a cellphone was used to photograph up women's skirts at a subway station in Toronto.

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Taylor handed 50 years in prison

Court ruling.

Amputees in Sierra Leone rejoice at ex-warlord's sentencing

Amputees still struggling to lead normal lives years after being mutilated by rebels in Sierra Leone hailed the decision at The Hague on Wednesday to sentence the man who backed those rebels, ex-Liberian president Charles Taylor, to 50 years in prison.

In a landmark ruling by the Special Court on Sierra Leone last month, Taylor became the first former head of state since the aftermath of World War II to be convicted. The 64-year-old Taylor was found guilty on 11 counts of aiding and abetting the Revolutionary United Front rebels in Sierra Leone, who murdered and mutilated tens of thousands of people during this country's 11-year brutal civil war which ended in 2002.

People maimed in the war gathered in the Sierra Leonean capital Wednesday to watch the proceedings of the Taylor trial via a live feed from The Hague, and rejoiced when judges in The Netherlands announced the 50-year sentence.

"That makes me the happiest person on Earth," said Alimami Kanu, whose right hand was hacked off by the RUF when he was 11 years old.

Siah Lebby, whose left leg was butchered by the rebels, said the tough sentence sends a strong signal. "After they have seen, they have seen what hap-

Justice

Liberians observe judgement

Taylor is an ex-warlord whose rebel forces invaded Liberia in 1989, marking the start of that country's vicious civil war. He eventually ran and was elected president, before being forced out by another rebel group. In Liberia, which shares a border with Sierra Leone, the irony has always been that Taylor is being tried for crimes he aided and abetted, rather than the ones that he is accused of directly carrying out in his own country.

In the Liberian capital of Monrovia, Suzannah Vaye watched the proceedings and hailed the sentence. Her husband was killed during the last days of Taylor's government in 2003. He was last seen in the hands of the ex-president's security force.

"Today, I join Sierra Leoneans in saying this should be a lesson to people that God has his own way of bringing judgement," Vaye said.

pened, all the people who want to do bad things again will be afraid."

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Former Liberian president Charles Taylor waits for the start of his sentencing judgement in the courtroom of the Special Court for Sierra Leone in Leidschendam, Netherlands, on Wednesday. TOUSSAINT KLUITERS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



LEYMAH GBOWEE

Who said sex and politics don't mix? Led by Leymah Gbowee, a young mother, Liberian women went on a sex strike to end the country's brutal civil war. They were successful. Last year Gbowee won a Nobel Peace Prize for her campaign.

USING SEX AS A WEAPON

Leyma Gbowee calls herself an ordinary Liberian mother of six. But without her mass women's movement, Liberia's civil war would still be raging. Gbowee's "peace warriors" have given African women a higher profile, too — and Liberia's president is now a woman. But with the exception of former president Charles Taylor, Liberia's warlords remain free.

Charles Taylor is the first-ever head of state to be convicted by the International Criminal Court. Do you feel vindicated?

When someone has been terrorizing communities, and your community has been violated, of course you're relieved he has been convicted. It doesn't matter that Taylor has been convicted for war crimes he committed in Sierra Leone, not Liberia. We've waited for a long time, so we're happy. There's a sense that justice has finally been served, and that Taylor will pay for his crime.

Are sex strikes an effective strategy to end wars?

They're effective in the sense that they get people's attention. Sex is an exotic thing, and many people would say it's a taboo subject. But when someone dares to bring it to

the attention of the public, it has two results. People start saying, "Who's this person doing this?" and they start asking why the person is using sex to highlight an issue. And it gets men thinking. There are a lot of good men out there! The percentage of men who wage war is very small. Good men outnumber evil men, but why are they silent? Our strategy helps the good men because it gives them a reason to take action.

So it's not the sex strike per se, but the support it gives good men, that makes it an effective strategy?

Yes. Every man is interested in the act of sex. We withheld sex from our spouses to get attention, and our husbands obviously noticed. We said, "We need you to take a

stand." And they did.

How many other alleged Liberian war criminals are there who should also face justice?

That's the biggest debate in Liberia right now. Since Taylor's conviction there has been a lot of discussion about the role former warlords still play in Liberia. In the case of Prince Johnson, people are saying that he, too, should be brought to justice. We need to start the conversation about people's role in the Liberian civil war and what should be done with them.

Prince Johnson has since become a member of parliament in Liberia.

The difference in African politics versus politics in the West is that people tend to

rally around their identity. Liberia is no exception. Some people, including myself, don't want a person who committed some of the worst atrocities in our civil war as a member of parliament, but if you ask the people of his tribe, they see him as a hero.

Madeleine Albright likes to say that the world wouldn't be a better place if women were in charge — it would be like high school all over again. Do you agree?

It would be a much better place than it is now. Are all men bad? No. But I think when it comes to world politics, women bring something uniquely different to the table. Men often have values and principles, but politics tends to override them. Politics isn't a popularity contest; it's about achieving lasting changes. That's what women are good at.

The Nobel Peace Prize can be a blessing — as in the case of Mother Theresa — or a curse. Which has it been for you?
For me it's a gift from God. I come from a very humble background, and I'd never have thought that something like this could come my way. I can never refer to any gift from God as a curse.

ELISABETH BRAW/METRO WORLD NEWS

Leymah Gbowee

- **Age.** 40
- **Family.** Six children
- **Background.** Trauma counsellor; counselled warlord Charles Taylor's former child soldiers. Founded women's movement that helped end Liberia's civil war through protests and sex strikes.
- **In the news.** Founder and director of Women Peace and Security Network Africa. Won the Nobel Peace Prize last year. President Charles Taylor, whom Gbowee helped defeat, has just been convicted for war crimes by the Special Court for Sierra Leone in The Hague.

Double-murder suspect killed in B.C. shootout

Confrontation.

Man wanted in two shooting incidents taken down by police only hours after warning was issued

An armed man suspected in a double murder and an attempted murder in Burnaby, B.C., has been killed in a shootout with police.

RCMP caught up with 26-year-old Angus David Mitchell in Maple Ridge, B.C., on Wednesday, about three hours after issuing a public warning about him.

Supt. Dave Walsh said Mitchell was shot in a confrontation with emergency-response team officers in a rural area.

Police were called after reports that someone had seen



Angus David Mitchell
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a van believed to be owned by Mitchell.

RCMP said he was a suspect in the deaths of a man and woman who'd been gunned down in a restaurant on Sunday and in the shooting and wounding of his former landlord on Tuesday.

Police said Mitchell had

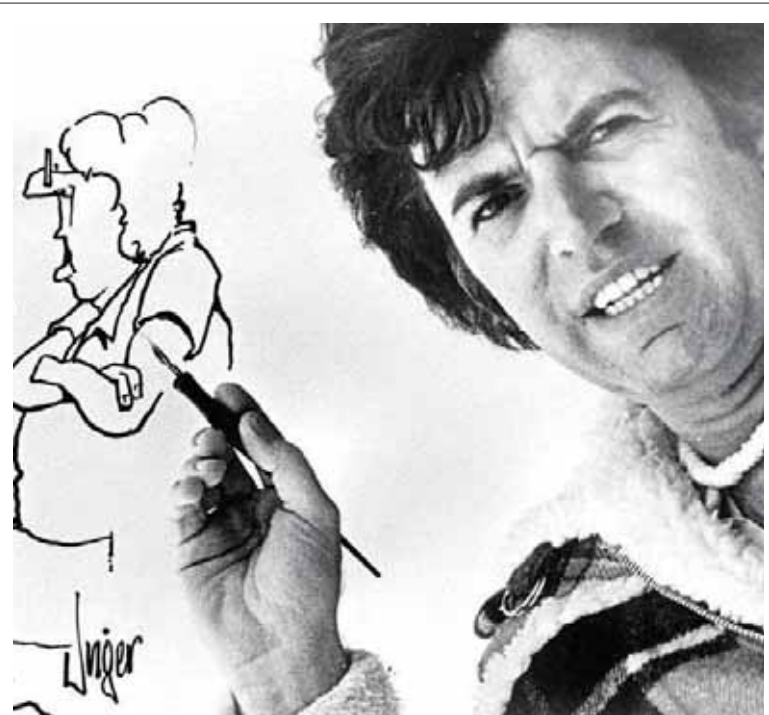
been evicted from his home six months ago, around the time he came to legally possess a hunting rifle.

Sgt. Jennifer Pound of the Integrated Homicide Investigation Team couldn't say if there was a relationship between Mitchell and the two people who were gunned down in the restaurant. Pound said there are several factors that appear to link the two crimes, including a similar weapon, but forensics experts need to confirm that.

Insp. Tim Shields said Mitchell wasn't known to police, although officers had once been called to a complaint involving him.

Mitchell also had some conflict with former employers and co-workers, and Shields said police warned them Wednesday morning to be on the lookout for the armed and unstable man.

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Drawing on a sense of humour

Jim Unger, the artist behind the syndicated cartoon strip Herman, has died at 75. Friend and fellow cartoonist Adrian Raeside says Unger had been feeling unwell for some time and died in his sleep at his home in Saanich, B.C. Born in London, England, Unger immigrated in 1968 to Canada, where his cartooning career began at the Mississauga Times in Mississauga, Ont. Herman became a syndicated cartoon in 1974, eventually appearing in newspapers around the world. Unger twice won the National Cartoonist Society's award for best syndicated panel.

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Downpour

Artworks damaged in Montreal storm

Hundreds of works of rare art have been damaged at Montreal's museum of contemporary art by heavy rains that flooded buildings and overwhelmed the city's aging infrastructure on Tuesday.

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Quebec tuition offer rejected

Negotiations between students and the provincial government have hit a wall, student leaders said Wednesday evening as they returned to a third day of talks, a lot less optimistic about a positive outcome.

During a supper time break, Martine Desjardins, head of one of the university groups, said the Education De-

partment hasn't yet looked at the students' counter-proposal submitted Tuesday.

"We are disappointed," she told reporters, adding that reaching a deal Wednesday will ultimately depend on the government's response.

The talks resumed with the participation of Finance officials who will comment on the students' counter-proposal.

Addressing the proposed tuition fee increase appears to be the key to hammering out an elusive deal to end the four-month dispute.

An offer to cut the proposed tuition fee increase by \$35 was dismissed unanimously in talks Tuesday night, said two of the heads of students groups involved in the talks.

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Gabriel Nadeau-Dubois, media spokesperson for student group CLASSE. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Ei changes

Mexico wants to expand temporary workers in Canada

Mexico wants to increase its foreign workforce in Canada, despite the Conservative government's new employment-insurance rules that aim to fill vacant jobs with unemployed Canadians instead.

Mexican Foreign Secretary Patricia Espinosa pressed for the expansion of the temporary-workers program to sectors other than agriculture during a visit Wednesday to Ottawa.

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Retail

FGL Sports plans five-year expansion

Canadian Tire-owned FGL Sports plans an "aggressive" expansion of its most popular banners over the next five years while closing more than 100 underperforming stores operating under various names.

The closures affect 115 corporate stores under such banners as Sport Mart, Athletes World and Nevada Bob's Golf.

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Three people on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange display their BlackBerry smartphones on Wednesday. Research In Motion Ltd., the maker of the BlackBerry, is in a freefall. The company, once the crown jewel of the Canadian technology industry, is now worth one per cent of Apple's market capitalization. RICHARD DREW/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BlackBerry maker's shares in steep decline

Research In Motion.

Analysts take gloomy view of RIM following forecast of loss, layoffs

A fresh batch of takeover speculation greeted BlackBerry-maker Research In Motion on Wednesday as analysts weighed in on the company's projected operating loss in the current quarter and its prospects for survival.

Shares of the Waterloo, Ont.-based company tumbled another 6.5 per cent, inching toward becoming a single-digit stock, after a statement from RIM late Tuesday said it hired two outside firms to advise on its troubled business and financial performance.

RIM was down 82 cents to close at \$10.66 on the Toronto Stock Exchange. Chief executive Thorsten Heins said competition is affecting sales of

Quoted

"While buying this stock is like going to the casino, RIM does have over \$4 per share of cash and intellectual property with a book value of about \$6 per share. If you're feeling lucky, this stock might be worth a dice roll under \$10 per share."

National Bank analyst Kris Thompson in a note titled RIM Blows Up in Q1, Recovery Unlikely, saying he considers the company up for sale.

RIM smartphones, and that it would respond by reining in costs and cutting staff by unspecified numbers throughout the rest of the year.

But analysts are concerned about the speed at which RIM is reeling in expectations ahead of the rollout of the new BlackBerry 10 operating system

later this year.

"I think it would be premature to write the company off, although I do believe BlackBerry 10 has to be a very competitive product for the company to bounce," said Charlie Wolf, an analyst at Needham & Company in New York.

"For the (next two or three quarters), this is going to be a messy situation because RIM doesn't have anything to sell, and so the only way they can make sales is to mark prices down on their phones."

Some analysts have also factored in RIM's dated inventory and restrained sales outlook, and responded by pulling back expectations.

Raymond James analyst Steven Li reduced the firm's target price for RIM's stock to US\$12 from \$15, with a "market perform" rating.

"We believe there is a risk of another inventory write-down."

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Canadian economy has 'oilsands fever': Report

Dutch Disease. Two studies take differing views on resource exports and long-term economic growth

On the eve of NDP Leader Tom Mulcair's visit to Alberta's oil sands, a new report backs his claim that Canada's economy suffers from a form of Dutch Disease.

A study released Wednesday by the Pembina Institute says Canada has come down with a unique strain of the phenomenon, dubbed "oilsands fever," that is producing near-term economic benefits that are often overstated.

The report says these benefits are spread unevenly across the country and could be hid-

ing economic turmoil down the road. But another report by a different group says Canada's oil-and-gas industry is spreading the wealth by using the money earned from booming exports to buy goods and services from the rest of the country.

The two reports were released simultaneously as Mulcair prepares to embark on his first tour of the oilsands.

The NDP chief has been lambasted by western premiers and the federal Conservatives for suggesting oil exports raise the value of the Canadian dollar, which in turn hurts the economy in other parts of the country.

The phenomenon is dubbed the "Dutch Disease" in reference to the manufacturing decline that occurred in the Netherlands after a boom in natural gas exports in the 1970s.

"The result appears to be a uniquely Canadian strain of the Dutch Disease that could be called 'oilsands fever' — a strain that is beginning to create clear winners and losers in Canada's economy and could pose a significant risk to Canada's competitiveness in the emerging, clean energy economy," the report says.

A separate report also released Wednesday by the MacDonald-Laurier Institute found all provinces will enjoy benefits from oil- and gas-rich western provinces that far outweigh any ill effects from a higher Canadian dollar. "While the so-called 'Dutch Disease' mechanism may operate, in practice it is partially (perhaps more than fully) offset by the gains to the overall Canadian economy documented by these studies," the report says.

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Western tour



Before departing on his western tour, NDP Leader Tom Mulcair, pictured, insisted he's not against development, he's only advocating sustainable development.

- And he stressed that applies not just to the oilsands but to natural-resource projects all across the country.



Spain's spending cuts force strikes

A child sits amid trash and paper put there by cleaners during the second day of a strike by the cleaning staff against budget cuts at Barcelona's airport on Wednesday. Spain's conservative government has introduced harsh austerity measures, including spending cuts on health and education, in an attempt to control the level of its debt relative to the size of its economy and bring it within European guidelines. Spain's borrowing costs soared Wednesday to reach its highest level since the country joined the euro, close to levels where other debt-stricken countries such as Greece and Ireland have asked for an international bailout. MANU FERNANDEZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CP Rail. Back-to-work bill speeds through Commons, halted in Senate

Back-to-work legislation designed to end a CP Rail strike and get freight moving likely won't pass in the Senate until Thursday at the earliest, despite its overnight passage in the House of Commons.

MPs voted just before 1:30 a.m. Wednesday to pass Bill C-39, ordering 4,800 Canadian Pacific engineers and conductors back to work after a weeklong strike.

Labour Minister Lisa Raitt said the labour dispute must end quickly because of the toll it's taking on the economy. The Conservative government used its majority to force the legislation through the House

of Commons in a single day.

Even before the Senate began sitting on Wednesday, the Conservative Senate leader was accusing the Liberal minority of obstructing the passage of Bill C-39.

Senator Marjory LeBreton said the Liberal senators were failing to honour a tradition of letting urgent legislation pass in a single day.

But a Liberal source said the party is prepared to give its consent to have the legislation examined and passed at the earliest opportunity, which is Thursday.

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Pepsi, Twitter launching campaign

PepsiCo Inc. is lifting the curtain on its music partnership with Twitter, saying it plans to offer free downloadable songs on its Twitter page starting Wednesday and streaming video of live concerts this summer.

The No. 2 soda company says the first "pop-up" concert will be in late June. Fol-

lowers will be able to influence aspects of the concert, such as the set list, by tweeting the names of songs they want played. Pepsi is staying mum on which artists it has lined up for the concerts. But the Purchase, N.Y., company has recently partnered with pop stars Nicki Minaj and Katy Perry in its marketing campaigns. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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To enemies, "Skeptic" translates to closed-minded jerk who wouldn't recognize his spirit guide if it bit him on his chakra.

But we just want evidence. If you claim that God will help me find my apartment keys, or that my aura is the colour of Doritos, then I want questions answered. First and foremost: Do you bang your head often getting into cars?

Sorry. Captain Incredulous takes that back. I'm a poor spokesperson for the Skeptic Squad, as I have the same sense of restraint and tact as a U.S. presidential campaign.

This is my life, my curse. I must confront believers who say, "I feel sorry for you" and work with friends unaware of my secret identity as they compare star signs. The only "knocking on wood" I do is the repeated head-to-desk motion. It's the only way I keep from getting angry. Don't make me angry. You wouldn't like me angry.

Many of you are aligned against me. But maybe you'll understand if you gaze upon some of my exciting adventures:

Captain Incredulous No. 1: The Family!

Trapped for two decades inside a nuclear family that forces him to church every Sunday, our hero discovers his powers when he turns on his captors and says: "Isn't it wrong of me to consume the body of your Lord when to me it's only ice-cream wafer?" Even the Mummy, with her powers of lay ministry, cannot deflect the logic blast. A new hero joins the Skeptic Squad!



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Captain Incredulous No. 7: Magnet Man!

Our hero suffers his first defeat when he meets Magnet Man, bearer of the Magnetic Bracelet. Hearing Magnet Man discuss the bracelet's powers with a bartender, Captain Incredulous forgets his logical weapons and instead blurts out, "Why don't you wear bunny ears?! It would have the same effect!" Captain Incredulous, met with stares and silence, slinks back to his corner of the Beer Cave.

Captain Incredulous No. 21: The Mayor!

The good captain is listening to radio transmissions when he hears his political leader, Toronto Mayor Rob Ford, say, "I like astrology, folks. I follow the stars." Fighting off the overpowering urge to curl up into a ball and die, Captain Incredulous remembers the earlier lesson not to let his emotions defeat him. He decides it's nice that the mayor and many of the lefties who hate him have common ground to work from. I may host a summit.

But until then, what adventures await?

All I know for sure is that the skeptic's life is a difficult one, fraught with awkward family barbecues. It's thankless, but we have an unrelenting belief in mankind: That it will get sillier by the day. No doubt about it.

This jelly's par for the course



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Rooftop-patio golf

Just don't snack after putting

The roof of Selfridge's department store in London has become a jelly-themed golf course thanks to food architects Bompas & Parr. Ahead of the Queen's Jubilee, the nine-hole course features iconic British landmarks including Tower Bridge and Big Ben, all with an edible frosting. **METRO**

Urban oasis



"Adults find it hard to justify going to a theme park. We want to help people find pleasure in the city."

Sam Bompas, food architect.

Selfridge's has a long history of hedonism. In the 1930s the roof featured a golf course, pleasure garden and café. More recently, Bompas & Parr created a green boating lake there last year.

Bompas & Parr

- **Gasp!** One of the duo's first projects was a breathable cocktail made by vaporizing 600 litres of gin and tonic.
- **Rowing on punch:** In 2009, they flooded an 18th-century townhouse with 2,500 litres of Courvoisier punch and had their guests row across.
- **Chocolate climb:** The last creation was a series of climbing walls made out of chocolate.



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Which show ending its long run in 2012 will you miss the most?



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@tompetty @parkscanada_NS Hi Tom! Welcome to Halifax! If you have an hour or two to spare may I suggest a visit to the #HalifaxCitedel?

@JuliaPhill:

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@mikethegoalie32:

Driving from Ottawa to Halifax to

see @tompetty with 3 friends, drive is a few hours in, and already got a speeding ticket! Damn Quebec!

@VSto:

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Obey Convention takes Halifax outside the box

Bring in the noise.

Since its inception, the festival has been a forum for artists and musicians who yearn to create and experiment



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Touted as “a beacon for the creative mind” by weirdcanada.com, the Obey Convention has returned after a year’s hiatus to bring together experimental musicians and enthusiasts in Halifax.

What’s “experimental music”? Good question. I had no idea either. Luckily Obey Convention founder, Darcy Spidle, can help steer us in the right direction.

“Experimental music really doesn’t mean anything anymore,” he said. “A lot of these ideas have been around for close to 30 years.”

Confused?

Since its creation the Obey Convention has provided a platform for musicians and artists that create outside the box.

The “festival of damaged music and art”, as it’s referred to now, is a four-day festival that, in Spidle’s words, brings artists together under the guise of creating and experimenting.

If you go...

The Obey Convention runs May 31-June 3 at various venues throughout the city. For more information including the convention schedule and event ticket prices, visit: divorcerecords.ca

“It’s developed over the years with some interesting acts and events that you otherwise may not see in Halifax,” he said. “You’ll see everything from noise artists to installation art — improvisational jazz bands to basement punk bands.”

New York-based noise artist Eric Copeland is one of the musicians Spidle is thrilled to have perform at this year’s convention. A noise artist at heart, Copeland melds his own creations with elements of previously created music.

“It’s just the music that I like,” Copeland said. “It’s part pop songs and part out there music and it has a relationship with all kinds of things for me so I don’t think of it as an anomaly.”

For those tentatively opposed to the unfamiliar, Spidle hopes the Convention is received with an open mind.

“A lot of people in Halifax may not know the artists we’re bringing in but we’ve put together an exciting event and you don’t have to be a schooled musician to enjoy what we’re doing.”



The Obey Convention brings artists together to get experimental. JASWOODUK/FICKR

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“You just have to find the little thing that you’re working off of and just make it a sound. It’s been a long road. I get inspired by hearing other music.”

Noise artist Eric Copeland

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Scene in brief

Shaw won’t pick up Talackova reality show

Shaw Media is stepping back from comments suggesting it plans to air a reality show about transgender beauty queen Jenna Talackova. Programming boss Barbara Williams said Wednesday morning the broadcaster had picked up a reality show about the leggy Vancouver blond. But later in the afternoon, a Shaw spokeswoman said Williams “misinterpreted” a reporter’s question and that such a show “is not part of Lifetime’s channel lineup and has not been commissioned by the network.”

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On the web



Men in Black 3 is in the black with \$69.3M debut weekend; Avengers adds \$47.2M

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Danielle Panabaker plays Maddy in Piranha 3DD. HANDOUT

Waterworks: Piranha 3DD a summer thrill

Q & A. Danielle Panabaker gives us the lowdown on playing Maddy, a marine biologist who fends off frightening cannibalistic fish

TODD GILCHRIST
Metro World News in Hollywood

Outwardly composed of scantily clad coeds colliding with animatronic fish, it's easy to assume that a movie like Piranha 3DD demands little from its actors. But Danielle Panabaker has elevated playing the lead in a genre film to something of an art form, giving each film precisely what it needs while stretching acting muscles audiences haven't seen her use before. In the eagerly awaited sequel to Alexandre Aja's 2010 bloodbath, Panabaker plays Maddy, a budding marine biologist pitted against a blood-thirsty horde of cannibalistic

fish, and she somehow makes the whole thing seem like a lot of fun.

What sort of trepidations, if any, did you have about returning to horror after doing Friday the 13th and the Crazies?

When we were first taking a look at this film, my hope was that there would be a more comedic, lighter element that's definitely something I'm interested in exploring further. Doing a little more comedy and being a little more light-hearted.

You sort of play the straight woman to all of the carnage, though.

You know, you're right. But hopefully audiences can relate to Maddy and go on this journey with her as she's discovering the piranha and interacting with all these kooky characters. I think I get the best of both worlds.

The title highlights the film's focus — nudity and gore. Was there any concern that you might have to be nude in the

film?

It wasn't appropriate for my character in this film. I'm certainly not opposed to it, but there was no question that I would not be taking my top off in this film.

How much do these films tap into your own fears when you're acting in them?

The most difficult thing for me is that I'm afraid of water. In my rush to get out to North Carolina, never once did it occur to me that I'd be spending days upon days in water. The first day we shot was at the lake and I remember standing at the edge of the lake in my underwear, so vulnerable, and about to do something that every bone in my body said do not do, and just being like, "Just suck it up, Panabaker! You're going in."

Did shooting the scene help you conquer your fear?

Oh, I'm still afraid of water. I learned to scuba a little bit and breathe off a respirator, but I'm still not interested.

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Tasteful Nudes ...
Collection of candid personal essays highlight comedian's misadventures and triumphs

JIM FENNER
Metro World News New York

Dave Hill may have the unassuming face of a man who could give you solid tax advice, but be forewarned. He is in fact a snapping Cerberus, a riotous triumvirate of comedy, heavy metal and velvet suits.

The comedian whose biographical gamut includes several long-running stage shows, appearances on This American Life and rock collaborations with Moby, unleashes his proverbial beast in *Tasteful Nudes*

... and *Other Misguided Attempts at Personal Growth and Validation*.

Are you now the king of books? That's the plan. I wanted to establish my dominance in another medium. I've had only three goals in my life. My first goal was to have a rock band, have a record deal and a video on MTV. So, boom, I did that. I've been wanting to write a book for 10 or 12 years, but I

got so completely sidetracked with everything else. Recently though, I thought, "Oh shit! What if they stop making books? I better get on that!"

What next?

I'm hoping to become wildly rich. It would be good in general, but specifically, it would be great to just get the dog. I hope that people that would like the book find out about it. And buy it. And read it. I

think it has wide appeal — to young and old! You probably have to be at least 13 to read it because of all the F-bombs.

But they're sweet F-bombs.

That's the most scandalous thing in the book, I think. There's the prostitute that I don't have sex with (the subject of the title story *Tasteful Nudes*). Oh! And, as a follow up, I recently spoke with her and she got out of the business.

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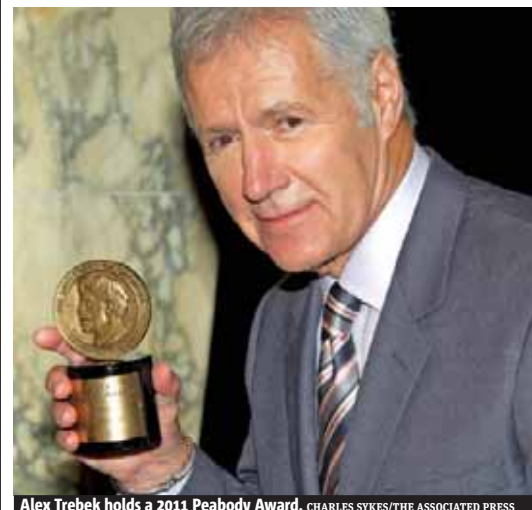
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Let's take "Breakfast" for \$500: An Oh Henry! chocolate bar and a Diet Pepsi.

And here's the question: What did Alex Trebek consume a couple of hours before this breakfast interview?

A morning routine of candy and cola might not seem strange for someone other than Trebek. But for 28 years as host of *Jeopardy!* he's blended likeability with an air of erudition and correctness. He's seemingly not the sort of guy who, at 71, might choose a wake-up menu better suited to a child whose mother's back is turned.

In person, he is leading-man handsome in a natty grey suit, a model of calm and control, the perfect steward of TV's answer-and-question institution. (Check local listings for time and channel.)

The L.A.-based Trebek is in New York to receive a Peabody Award for electronic media, as *Jeopardy!* joins other awardees that include serious documentaries, edgy comedies and high-toned dramas.

"We're in some prestigious company," Trebek says. "But I think what makes *Jeop-*

ardy! special is that, among all the quiz and game shows out there, ours tends to encourage learning.

"A lot of the stuff is trivia, but maybe a subject will come up that will arouse the viewers' curiosity and they'll want to find out more. We tell you it's OK to be bright, to know a lot of things, and to want to learn."

The *Jeopardy!* audience (which averages nine million daily) is rallied by each day's three contestants who confront the game board with its half-dozen categories, each of whose five answers demands the right question.

Perhaps never in the show's long history was the competition fiercer, and more fun, than in February 2011, when a supercomputer named Watson humbled reigning human champs in a battle of Machine vs. Man.

"I for one welcome our new computer overlords," Ken Jennings (famed record-holder for the longest winning streak) scribbled alongside his *Final Jeopardy!* response.

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Robin Thicke in talented company

All in the family. R&B crooner's two-year-old son or actress wife could be a likely bet for a possible duet

Robin Thicke is a mentor on the new ABC singing series Duets, but the R&B crooner could find himself partnering on a song with his two-year-old son, or wife, actress Paula Patton.

Thicke says both his wife and son can sing.

Patton, whose film credits include Precious: based on the novel Push by Sapphire and Mission Impossible 3, sings a small part on a song Thicke produced for Usher, the slow groove Can U Handle It. It appears on Usher's Grammy-winning, 2004 effort Confessions, one of the last decade's top-selling albums.

"The song called for a female vocal, a very simple,

more like a talk-whisper part and ... I said, 'Hey honey, you mind putting something down for me?'" he recalled. "And of course it turns out to be Usher's biggest album and one of the biggest albums of all-time."

Thicke, 35, said Patton would ask him, jokingly, to let her sing on songs he worked on.

"She'd be like, 'Hey baby, can I just sing a little song just so I can hear my voice on tape?'" Thicke said. "And I was like, 'No! We're not starting that. We are not going to get into the you recording an album. Go find another producer if you want to do that.'"

Thicke says there are no plans for Patton to release her own music, though he admits: "She does a mean impression of Marilyn Monroe's Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend. But nobody is allowed to see that. That's just for daddy."

Patton gave birth to the couple's son, Julian Fuego

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She does a mean impression of Marilyn Monroe's Diamonds are a Girls Best Friend. But nobody is allowed to see that. That's just for daddy."

Robin Thicke on his wife's singing voice

Thicke, in 2010. Thicke says he also has singing skills.

"He has incredible pitch," Thicke said. "He wakes up every morning

and before he even cries to be taken out of his crib, the first thing he does is sing. He just kind of lies there in his crib and sings

songs for a little while."

Thicke says he's let his son tag along when he tapes Duets, which debuted last week and airs Thursdays at 8/7c. It also features Kelly Clarkson, John Legend and Sugarland's Jennifer Nettles, and each week the Grammy-winning singers perform duets with amateurs, one of whom will go on and win a recording contract.

Thicke, who came on the scene in 2003 with long hair and rock-influenced sound, is best known for No. 1 R&B hits like Lost Without You and Sex Therapy. He says it's hard to see himself onscreen: "I can't watch myself on anything for more than a few minutes. I'll never watch Duets — that's for sure. I'd watch it if I wasn't on it." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Robin Thicke and wife, actress Paula Patton. EVAN AGOSTINI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

New dramas set to hit Global this fall

Star-packed titles.

Heavy-hitting shows about Sherlock Holmes, firefighters and mobsters head to network

Marquee dramas about Sherlock Holmes, Chicago firefighters, Vegas mobsters and a renegade submarine crew anchor Global's upcoming primetime schedule.

Shaw Media says star-packed new titles include the modern day series Elementary, starring Jonny Lee Miller as NYPD Det. Sherlock Holmes and Lucy Liu as Dr. Joan Watson; the gritty '60s-era drama Vegas with Dennis Quaid as a war vet and Michael Chiklis as a ruthless Chicago gangster and the actioner Last Resort with Scott Speedman and Andre Braugher as members of a submarine crew forced to take refuge on an exotic, tropical is-

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"We're having huge success with our scripted shows all over the place."

Barbara Williams, Shaw Media

land.

Content boss Barbara Williams is announcing the 2012-13 lineup today at a splashy event for advertisers featuring talk show host Ricki Lake and NCIS:LA star LL Cool J.

Rogers Media announced its comedy-filled lineup earlier this week while CTV is set to reveal its new slate tomorrow.

Global's fall comedy additions include Go On, starring Matthew Perry as a recently widowed sportscaster whose boss forces him to enter counseling and Guys with Kids, about three 30-something dads trying to hold on to their youth, starring Jesse

Bradford, Zach Cregger and Anthony Anderson.

New daytime offerings include The Jeff Probst Show, a one-hour talk show led by the Survivor host and Lake's The Ricki Lake Show.

Williams says the schedule is anchored by top-tier evening dramas, including Chicago Fire, about life at an inner city firehouse written by Law & Order creator Dick Wolf.

Returning shows include Bomb Girls, Bones, Glee, Hawaii Five-0, The Good Wife, NCIS, NCIS: LA, The Office, The Simpsons, Rookie Blue, Touch and Survivor.

Midseason additions include the comedy Save Me, with Anne Heche as a woman who has a spiritual transformation, and the reality series The Job, where contestants get the chance to win their dream job by taking a series of tests.

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Dog guru Justin Silver hosts the new show Dogs in the City. BRIAN FRIEDMAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Summer's new reality TV gone to the dogs

Canines catching on. Man's best friend the latest sensation

Summer television used to mean reruns. This year it's gone to the dogs.

Several new shows star dogs and their owners in need of help. CBS has the lone network show in Dogs in the City, starring comic, dog trainer and businessman Justin Silver. It's joined by documentaries on PBS and HBO and a series in the works for the Disney Channel, among others.

Each Wednesday at 8 p.m., beginning May 30, Silver will try to help hound and human tackle unsettling problems like joint custody after divorce or dealing with significant others

who just moved in.

Is man or mutt usually to blame for problems? It's 50-50, he said, but "a dog's behaviour is shaped by the people in its life." Silver says he won't be the one solving problems, even though he jokes that he speaks dog. Instead, he will provide techniques and experiences so owners can fix their own problems.

"It's that old adage: give a man a fish and you'll fill his belly. Teach him how to fish and he'll never starve. I am teaching you how to fish. But no one learns how to fish perfectly in one hour. It takes constant practice."

If intervention is needed, he will call on his own pit bulls, Chiquita and Pacino. "I use my dogs as much as possible because the thing that influences

dogs most is other balanced dogs," he said.

Dogs in the City seems to have a lot in common with The Dog Whisperer with Cesar Milan on the National Geographic Channel and It's Me or the Dog with Victoria Stilwell on Animal Planet. Bad Dog! is another Animal Planet show, although it uses videotape to capture misbehaviour in a test of sorts to see how far an owner's love will stretch.

Documentaries airing in June explore the rewards and redemption of shelter dogs. The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals says between five and seven million companion animals enter shelters every year and between three and four million of them are euthanized. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Could Prometheus be true?

Deep space mystery.

Former head of SETI says we may discover alien life in the next two years

MICHELLE CASTILLO

Metro World News

This summer, Earth is under attack. From action films like *Prometheus* and *The Avengers*, to comedies like *Men In Black 3*, aliens are appearing at the multiplex and threatening the fate of humanity.

But, not so fast, says the former director of the Center for SETI Research, Jill Tarter. The American astronomer believes that these films are just — duh — entertainment.

If extraterrestrial beings were to come to our world,

they'd be so technologically advanced that they wouldn't need puny human slaves or our meager food. Plus, there's a giant possibility they wouldn't look like anything we've seen before — or could even think of.

"Whether our imagination is up to the task of really appreciating what nature might do somewhere else remains to be seen," Tarter told Metro World News. "Look at the body plan that evolved. Nature experimented and discarded some and modified other things. There are so many weird things on this planet that we are beginning to appreciate. I think that it might be weirder still from some other environment."

Most of Tarter's career with the non-profit SETI Institute — which stands for the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence — has been dedicated to exam-



Prometheus, directed by Ridley Scott, hits theatres on June 8. HANDOUT

ining the universe for other beings.

Tarter, who recently retired, will be discussing her ideas about the possibility of aliens

alongside real astronauts and Hollywood sci-fi actors at the upcoming SETICon on June 22-24 in Silicon Valley, Calif.

Tarter believes that humans

will discover extra terrestrial life in the next two years. It's a valid question to ponder, especially because for thousands of years, humanity had to rely

on priests and philosophers to tell them the "truth" about the universe. Now thanks to astronomy tools like the Kepler space observatory, we have discovered more than 2,000 extrasolar planet candidates to date. Many of them are similar to our home planet.

"We can almost taste the idea that Earth 2.0 is going to turn up in the near future," she said.

Recently, Tarter has been searching for signs of technology in the universe, using it as a proxy for intelligence. While she and her colleagues haven't found any spaceships or ray guns, Tarter doesn't believe that means we're all alone out there.

The data that shows that there isn't any life is also consistent with the possibility that there is abundant life out there.

"We haven't been searching for very long," she admitted.



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Blake doesn't need anybody's 'approval'

Blake Lively is getting ready to say goodbye to *Gossip Girl*, the show that made her a star.

"I think the best way to describe it is like someone who really enjoyed high school, and it's like I'm a senior and I can't wait for the next thing," she tells *Bullett* magazine. "As an actor who plays a caricature of myself on the show, I don't think I'd say, 'Watch *Gossip Girl* for my best quality of work.' But I am very lucky to have had that experience."

But shouldn't Lively be worried about how her co-workers might take her remarks, especially with work starting on the show's final season this summer?

"I'm not in the business of trying to win the approval of my cast members, my director or my audience," she insists.



Former co-star accuses Fox of beating women



There seems to be no love lost between former *Lost* co-stars Dominic Monaghan and Matthew Fox. When asked by a fan about Fox, who was arrested for driving under the influence earlier this month and was sued for assaulting a bus driver last year, Monaghan

bluntly responded, "He beats women. Not isolated incidents. Often."

When another fan pointed out that Monaghan was making quite a strong accusation, he responded, "An accusation is when you 'claim' someone did something wrong. I know."

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The Word



Moves like Adam Levine

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Adam Levine is a curious creature. Since Maroon 5 started seeping its comfortable radio rock through the airwaves 10 years ago, the seemingly unremarkable frontman and *Voice* judge has dated his way through intellectual A-listers (Natalie Portman), fluffly pop princesses (Jessica Simpson, circa a very respectable 2006) and Victoria's Secret bombshells (Anne Vyalitsyna).

Is he cute and talented in a non-threatening way? Sure. But we have a feeling his sparkling dating resumé

is a result of professional-grade smooth talking, which he whipped out in a new interview with *Details* magazine.

"There's two kinds of men: There are men who are f—g misogynist pigs, and then there are men who just really love women, who think they're the most amazing people in the world. And that's me," Levine tells the magazine.

But he's a rock star, so he's not perfect, of course. As for sleeping around, he muses, "Maybe the reason I was promiscuous, and wanted to sleep with a lot of them, is that I love them so much."

Laugh all you want, but when was the last time you turned off the bubblegum noise that is *Moves Like Jagger*? Adam Levine is in our heads, ladies.



Prince Harry. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Prince Harry has a job opening

When Prince William sat down with Katie Couric for an interview, he said what recently married Royals in line for the throne are supposed to say: "I'm just very keen to have a family, and both Catherine and I are looking forward to having a family in the future."

But more surprising is what younger brother Harry shared.

"I've longed for kids since I was very, very young," said the prince with a reputation for looking hungover on the polo field. "And so I'm just waiting to find the right person, someone who's willing to take on the job."

Harry, we'd like to introduce you to America, where hot girls are willing to let Donald Trump touch them.

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There's a bird outside my hotel room that sounds like a boiling teapot! I'm so confused! Keep thinking my Tea is ready then am disappointed!



@BobNewhart

Peter Sellers was probably the best film comedian ever. He was a complicated man haunted by powerful demons but an absolute comic genius.



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I think "Pessimist" would be a good name for a urine-based hydrating spray.



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Working on a new movie script where I'm leaving specific moments for the audience to tweet.

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Iris van Herpen: The queen of sculpture

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Metro chats with up-and-coming style star Iris van Herpen about designing, fame and going Gaga

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Metro World News in Italy

She's shy, she doesn't say much, but she does know what she's doing. We meet Iris van Herpen — a 27-year-old Dutch fashion designer — at the IED (Istituto Europeo di Design) in Rome.

Thanks to her organic and visionary creations, she's quickly risen to fame amongst international talents. Iris' hand-made 3D "sculpture-like" dresses can be found in top museums all over the world.

Not bad for a girl who once had a dream of becoming a ballet dancer.

You're labeled "the architect of fashion", who's your inspiration?

I've never heard anyone refer to me using that expression. Indeed, architecture is a source of inspiration for me, but I am first of all a fashion designer. I work a lot with Isaie Bloch (a Belgian architect who focuses on 3D printing), there's a great synergy between us.

What does fashion represent for you?

Fashion expresses my own identity. It's a mix of my tastes, mood and cultural background.

You've worked with Viktor & Rolf and Alexander McQueen, your icon. Any lessons learned?

I learned to be patient when working. I also learned a lot from his staff, having worked with them on a daily basis.

Floating down the runway

"I do not plan much but I keep fantasizing about a zero gravity fashion show."

Iris van Herpen
Fashion designer



Designer Iris van Herpen, left, and a model walk the catwalk at the Iris van Herpen Show during Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week Berlin Spring/Summer 2012 GARETH CATTERMOLLE/GETTY IMAGES

You've come up with creations for Lady Gaga's and Bjork's performances. What do you think about them?

They're not just singers, they're total artists — two amazing performers. Yet, they are so different.

What do you like about Lady Gaga?

I love that she's completely unpredictable.

And Bjork?

It's hard to express in words but Bjork's music and her way of communicating touches me deep inside.

What do they love about your work?

When I work on a new creation, I focus on finding and conceiving a specific personal identity, something that belongs to the person who is going to wear it. We all have our own individual personality, nothing is fixed nor immutable. Performers such as Lady Gaga and Bjork also rely on dresses — such as the designs that I produce — in order to express all aspects of their personality to the audience.

You are only 27, but you're already incredibly successful. How do you cope with all this at your age?

Everything goes so fast and I am trying to live it all day by day.

Have you always had a clear mind-set, in terms of your goals and ambitions for the future?

No, when I was a kid I wanted to be a ballet dancer. Dance inspired me for a while but at some time — I can't recall when it happened — fashion became my greatest passion.

Any projects in the pipeline?

I do not plan much but I keep fantasizing about a zero gravity fashion show.



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Lady Gaga in Iris Van Herpen. RYAN PIERSE/GETTY IMAGES

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Fashion Flash

Oh C-Ann-ada!

Ann Taylor is heading north of the border as the retail chain opens its first international locations outside the U.S. The New-York-based retailer announced on

Thursday it will open two locations in Toronto this fall. With 274 stores across the U.S., the company says its expansion into Canada marks the first step in growing the brand's global presence.

"We are pleased by the strong awareness Ann Taylor already enjoys in Canada and look forward to offering our Canadian customers great fashion, quality and value in a new, exciting and aspirational shopping environment," brand president Brian Lynch said in a release. Michelle Obama, Angelina Jolie and Canada's Rachel McAdams are among the famous faces who have been seen sporting items from the brand.

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On the Web



Designers in 1st Soweto Fashion Week inspired by South African township's creativity, history

From iconic dress to tabletop classic

Statement pieces.

Fashion gives inspiration for a new keepsake china pattern



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Every year, hundreds of new tabletop trends make a splash when the doors at 41 Madison Avenue are thrown open for New York City's Tabletop Week. This special week allows design trade, store buyers and the media to scour this trade-only building that houses the best of the best and everything to do with tabletop and entertaining products.

Hundreds of manufacturers host parties and events to entice the trade into their fantasy land of table fashion showrooms. Some of the tabletop trends shown are short-lived (remember black octagonal glass dishes from the '80s and over-glazed pottery from the '70s?). Only a few live on to become tabletop classics.

One of the most elegant introductions this season was from the manufacturer



Lhuillier's Sunday Rose dress inspired her entire tabletop collection.
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Waterford, who has employed Monique Lhuillier (fashion designer to Hollywood icons like Katie Holmes and Angelina Jolie) to design a tabletop collection reminiscent of a dress she designed called Sunday Rose.

What sets Lhuillier's collection apart from other fashion designers that create collections for the tabletop is that she draws her inspiration from classic elements of her designs and not the trend elements that could be short-lived on a dinner

Presentation is everything

"I am a big believer that food presented well makes for a more joyous event."

Fashion designer Monique Lhuillier

table.

Her tabletop collection called Sunday Rose (after her iconic dress) is positioned to be a classic

for years to come as it incorporates clean lines and modern etchings mixed with the tradition of white china



Monique Lhuillier's Sunday Rose, \$155/five-piece setting WATERFORDWEDGWOOD.CA

and platinum roses.

Could this replace Royal Albert's Old Country Roses (a bestseller for over 30 years) as a long-time classic china pattern? I think entertaining and fashion critiques alike would agree they'd be happy to dine with Sunday Rose for a very long time.

From bridal to table

A chat with Monique Lhuillier

The Sunday Rose Collection was inspired by one of your iconic dress designs; what inspired the dress?

My bridal collections celebrate romance and femininity with a modern twist.... I took my inspiration from a classic rose flower. I cut silk organza fabric and formed abstract flowers to create a bed of roses effect in the skirt. The textures felt so lush and beautiful and the dress was a runaway success.

What accent colour would you team with your classic white/platinum china collection?

I would accentuate it with blush pink; it's the colour of the moment. I would infuse the blush colour in an accent plate, add blush pink peonies to the floral centrepiece and add blush linen napkin....Voilà! Colour!

With the popularity of gold tones emerging in home decor would it be wrong to mix gold and silver accents together?

I would add gold accents on flatware and the table decor like salt and pepper accents, place card holders... There are no rules in putting a beautiful table together or mixing metals these days. I am a big believer that food presented well makes for a more joyous event.



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Last month, a reader of my column asked me for advice about how to avoid getting laundry stuck within her fitted sheets in the dryer.

To be honest, I really didn't know the answer to the question, so in my column I asked the question to my readers and got back some wonderful suggestions that I would like to share with you.

1. Christine wrote what I thought at first was the

most obvious answer.

"Dry the sheets separately from your clothing. I don't wash and dry my clothes and bed sheets together."

This makes total sense to me and this is the method I use at home. Just for fun, this was the most popular answer!

2. Bev from Toronto wrote, "Try safety pinning the corners together and then the subsequent four sides, to make a sort of balloon shape. This still allows the sheet to dry, but avoids the annoying problem. Of course large safety pins will

be needed, which are available in some dollar stores and most sewing notions outlets."

I love this idea as well, but still think this is too much work and would much rather option #1.

3. Patsy wrote what I think is a truly fabulous suggestion, "If you include small item clothes such as socks and briefs, put them in a mesh laundry bag."

This is such a great idea; I think I am going to put this as a footnote for our laundry class at the Charles MacPherson Academy for Butlers and Household

Managers!

Finally I spoke with Bonnie Aprile who is the executive housekeeping teacher at our butler school. She said that sheets and clothing should never be washed and/or dried together as their different sizes and fabric weights dry at different rates.

Thus the rule of thumb is like fabrics and like clothing size should be dried together, so that you do not over/under dry particular pieces.

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Dryer games: socks and underwear often like to hide in your fitted sheets.

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There's more to pomegranates than health drinks and fancy cocktails

Are you over the pomegranate trend yet?

If so, you might want to revisit it once more. This time it's pomegranate molasses, a thick, syrupy concentrate that is sweet and tart and as delicious as it sounds.

If you take the unsweetened juice and boil it down until it is thick and syrupy, you have pomegranate molasses, a popular flavouring in Middle Eastern cooking. Pomegranate molasses once was unheard of outside of ethnic markets, but today can be found in the international aisle of most larger grocers.

And if you can't find it, it's

easy enough to make. Buy a bottle of pomegranate juice (or juice concentrate), then boil it until it has reduced and become thick.

The thick, deep-red syrup has an intensely sweet-tart flavour that pairs surprisingly well with savoury dishes, especially grilled meats. Pomegranate molasses and walnuts are a classic flavouring for poultry.

Opened bottles can be refrigerated for long periods. But it's not likely to sit around for long. You don't need to love Middle Eastern food to love what pomegranate molasses can do for the foods you already love.

1. Heat the oven to 450 F. Line a rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper.

2. In a medium bowl, whisk together the pomegranate molasses, garlic powder, salt and pepper. Add the drained chickpeas and toss to coat evenly. Arrange the chick-

peas in an even layer on the prepared baking sheet. Roast for 15 minutes, or until the chickpeas are dried and starting to get crunchy. Remove the chickpeas from the oven and set aside to cool.

3. Meanwhile, in a large bowl whisk together olive oil

and lemon juice. Season with pepper, then add the arugula and spinach. Toss to coat.

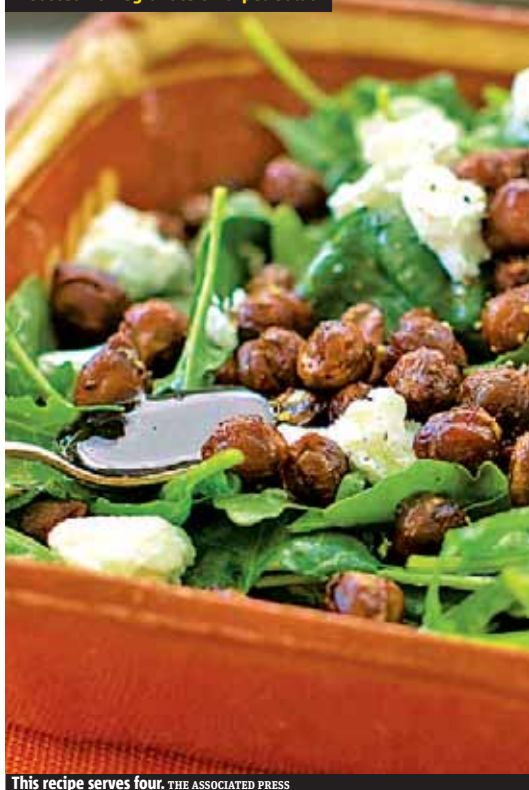
4. Divide the greens between four serving plates, then sprinkle each with kosher salt. Divide the chickpeas between the salads, then top with crumbled goat cheese.

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Ingredients

- 3 tbsp pomegranate molasses
- 1/2 tsp garlic powder
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp ground black pepper
- 2 15-oz cans chickpeas, drained
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 2 tbsp lemon juice
- Ground black pepper
- 4 cups arugula
- 2 cups baby spinach
- Kosher salt
- 4-oz log soft goat cheese

Roasted Pomegranate Chickpea Salad



This recipe serves four. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Book review

Recipes for the savvy herbivore

Michael Natkin's *Herbivorous* and its 150 recipes usher in a new generation of meatless cooking. With 80 colour photos, Natkin illustrates how vegetarian food can be intensely flavoured in a way that will appeal to readers with a sophisticated and adventurous global palate.

The author provides advice on how to craft vegetarian meals that deliver nutrients and complementary flavours. Among the

recipes are: Portobello and Summer Squash Lasagna, Jamaican Rice and Peas, and Chocolate Chunk Bread Pudding. METRO



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SPORTS

NBL Canada

Rainmen submit protected list

The Halifax Rainmen have officially submitted their five-man protected list for next season. It features guards Taliek Brown, Chris Hagan and Joey Haywood and forwards Darnell Hugee and Tyrone Levett. The move prevents other National Basketball League of Canada teams from signing the five standouts. The Rainmen are hoping they will form the core of their roster in 2012-13. METRO

On the web



The European Championship gets underway next week and UEFA officials are trumpeting it as "a true celebration of football in a festive environment." But there's still a troubling undercurrent of human-rights issues in host countries Poland and Ukraine. Scan the code for the story.

NBL Canada eyeing Ontario expansion

Second season. Five ownership groups in Ontario have applied to join pro basketball circuit next fall



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The National Basketball League of Canada is eyeing significant growth for its second season.

The professional basketball circuit, which featured seven teams in its inaugural campaign in 2011-12, received five applications for expansion franchises — all based in Ontario cities — prior to Wednesday's deadline.

Ownership groups in Ottawa, Mississauga, Kitchener, Windsor and St. Catharines are all hoping to have teams when the 2012-13 season opens next fall.

"It's a very good-looking group of potential franchises," said NBL Canada chief operating officer Ian McCarthy. "The only thing that could pose a barrier is if they're unable to finalize a deal with their arena

Last season's franchises

Halifax Rainmen, London Lightning, Moncton Miracles, Oshawa Power, Quebec Kebs, Saint John Mill Rats, Summerside Storm.

on time. They're all well-funded teams. I'm sure if one or two of them don't get in this year, they'll be lined up to be first in the door (the following season.)"

Ownership groups have until June 15 to finalize their lease agreements and rustle up a \$50,000 refundable deposit.

The London Lightning's success story — average crowds of close to 3,000 on the way to a championship — has made the league an easy sell in Ontario.

"The mayor of London was bragging at the mayors' meetings for Ontario, telling everyone how great (the league) was, how the Lightning blew the numbers off the charts for economic development," McCarthy said. "The arena managers knew about it and they were all saying, 'How can we get that for our city?' It definitely helped in negotiations."



Halifax Rainmen point guard Taliek Brown drives the lane against Gabe Freeman and Tim Ellis of the London Lightning in NBL Canada action. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO FILE

Canada snatches win over China in friendly



Christine Sinclair, right, tries to outrun Dongni Wang on Wednesday in Moncton. MARC GRANDMAISON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Christine Sinclair scored in injury time as Canada scratched out a 1-0 win over China in a women's exhibition soccer match Wednesday.

Sinclair got to a Diana Matheson free kick and expertly redirected the ball past Chinese keeper Wang Fei and into the goal.

"It was a great ball by Matheson, her and I have a connection," Sinclair said. "It would have been hard to miss."

Sinclair's goal came in a tightly played Olympic warm-up with very few chances for either side.

Canada had a chance to open the scoring early in the

Scoring list

It was Sinclair's 134th career international goal, which is the third-highest total ever.

14th minute when Sinclair threaded the ball through to a breaking Brittany Timko, but Wang rushed out and made the save.

Sinclair almost put Canada up 1-0 in the 31st minute, when she received the ball uncontested in the penalty area, but she sent Kelly Parker's pass from the right flank wide of the goal.

Canada had another chance when Sinclair's free kick in the 37th minute squeezed through the Chinese players. Parker was first to the ball right in front of the goal but couldn't handle it cleanly.

China had a solid chance in the second half when Gao Qi flicked a header just wide in the 68th minute.

Erin McLeod earned the clean sheet for Canada.

Canada had 11 shots (seven on target) while China had six (three on target).

Canada's next Olympic warm-up is June 30 against the United States in Sandy, Utah. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NHL

Lidstrom to announce if he'll retire or return

Nicklas Lidstrom has made a decision about his future.

The 42-year-old Lidstrom will announce Thursday whether he's retiring or returning to

play a 21st season with the Detroit Red Wings.

The four-time Stanley Cup champion and seven-time Norris Trophy winner put retirement on hold in each of the previous two years by signing one-year contracts and answering questions from reporters on a conference call. This time, he's holding a news conference at Joe Louis Arena. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Nicklas Lidstrom
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MLB

Blue Jays complete sweep

Brandon Morrow allowed four hits and struck out eight but left the game after being struck on the leg in the seventh inning Wednesday as the Toronto Blue Jays defeated the Baltimore Orioles 4-1.

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NBA draft

Hornets win NBA draft lottery

The New Orleans Hornets, recently sold by the NBA to Saints owner Tom Benson, have won the NBA's draft lottery and the No. 1 pick overall. The Hornets moved up from the fourth spot.

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Los Angeles' Anze Kopitar scores the game-winning goal on Martin Brodeur Wednesday night in Newark, N.J. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

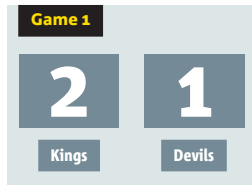
Kopitar keeps Kings on road to Stanley

NHL. Talented forward gives Los Angeles 1-0 lead in championship final over New Jersey

Anze Kopitar scored 8:13 into overtime as the Los Angeles Kings defeated the New Jersey Devils 2-1 to open the Stanley Cup final on Wednesday night.

Justin Williams found Kopitar with a backhand pass from his own blue-line and the Kings star raced in alone, deking Martin Brodeur before slipping it over him.

Los Angeles, the eighth



seed in the West, is now 9-0 on the road in the playoffs.

The Kings are also 3-0 in overtime in these playoffs. The Devils are 4-2.

In a tight game without much offence from either side, New Jersey's attack disappeared for long stretches before a sold-out crowd of 17,625.

The Devils had five shots in the first period and just four in the second, but still managed to pull even at 1-1 late in the second period on a deflection off a Kings defenceman.

Los Angeles outshot New Jersey 22-16 in regulation.

For all the talk of Jonathan Quick as the Kings' uberstopper in goal, New Jersey made it easy for him for long stretches. He was there when needed, however.

Brodeur was also sharp in a third period that eventually opened up. Colin Fraser scored in the first for Los Angeles.

Anton Volchenkov replied in the second for the Devils.

Teams winning Game 1 of

the final have gone on to win the cup in 55 of 72 seasons (76 per cent) since the league went to the best-of-seven format in 1939.

Boston bucked that trend last season, however.

Game 2 goes Saturday in New Jersey.

The game opened to a sea of red-clad fans waving white towels in the Prudential Center stands. But it proved to be a less colourful start on the ice, with both teams looking to nip the other's offence in the bud.

The first shot of the game took more than three minutes for the Kings to record.

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Tennis. Canada's Wozniak sets up clash with top-seeded Azarenka

Canadian Aleksandra Wozniak defeated China's Zheng Jie 6-2, 6-4 Wednesday to reach the third round of the French Open.

The Blainville, Que., native will face top-seeded Victoria Azarenka in the next round.

Wozniak dominated in a near-flawless first set and overcame a lapse while leading by a break in the second. That miscue was partly caused by a long injury timeout taken by the No. 34-ranked Zheng with Wozniak leading 3-2.

The pause left Wozniak to practise her serve on the court while a doctor and trainer



Aleksandra Wozniak in Paris on Wednesday. GETTY IMAGES

Venus out of tourney

Venus Williams followed little sister Serena out of the French Open. The elder Williams lost to Agnieszka Radwanska 6-2, 6-3 Wednesday in the second round.

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spent at least 10 minutes examining and patching a heel blister on Zheng's left foot.

Wozniak managed to get her concentration back when play resumed despite exchanging breaks with her opponent.

"I'm content with this win," said Wozniak. "But the injury time was very long. You cool off a bit when that happens. After she was treated she still moved well, so it was not an easy win."

The Canadian won her last match against Azarenka — albeit at the junior level.

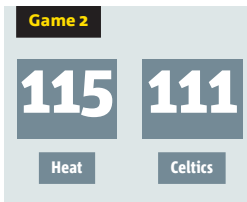
"It will be important to come out and only focus on my own game," said Wozniak. "I can't let her game or anything else bother me. I have to focus on each point and mix it up."

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NBA. Heat rally to take 2-0 series lead over Celtics

LeBron James scored 34 points and grabbed 10 rebounds, Dwyane Wade scored 23 and the Miami Heat pulled off the biggest playoff comeback in franchise history to beat the Boston Celtics 115-111 in overtime on Wednesday night.

Mario Chalmers scored 22 for the Heat, who took a 2-0 lead in the Eastern Conference finals despite an unbelievable night by Rajon Rondo. The Celtics guard scored 44 points, dished out 10 assists and



grabbed eight rebounds.

Game 3 is Friday in Boston.

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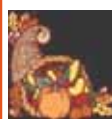
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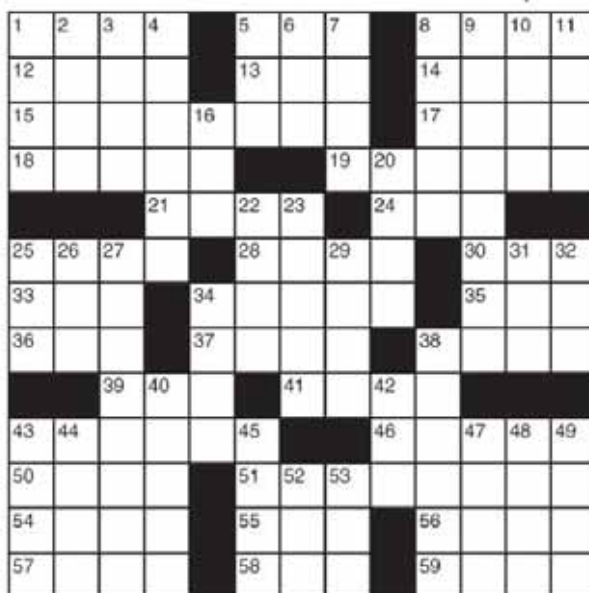
Across

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- 5 Copper head?
- 8 Daytime TV entry
- 12 Last few notes
- 13 Trigger's rider
- 14 Data
- 15 Battling at close range
- 17 Infamous lyricist
- 18 Most of Iberia
- 19 Hippocratic oath reciter
- 21 Seductress
- 24 Zodiac sign
- 25 Ocean motion
- 28 Baseball nickname
- 30 Sphere
- 33 Historic time
- 34 Smiles
- 35 Ultramodernist
- 36 Susan of "L.A. Law"
- 37 Ice-skating leap
- 38 Group of quail
- 39 Pinnacle
- 41 Unit of force
- 43 Sandpiper's cousin
- 46 Match
- 50 Take on cargo
- 51 Queued in a way
- 54 Muscat's land
- 55 Perfume-label word
- 56 Actress Dunaway
- 57 Methods
- 58 Turn blue?

59 Pal of Kukla and Olie

Down

- 1 Gospels' follow-up
- 2 Former surgeon general
- 3 Notion
- 4 Indigenous
- 5 Illustrations
- 6 Greet the villain
- 7 Kept tabs on
- 8 From then on
- 9 Pairing off uniquely
- 10 Hairstyle
- 11 Indigent
- 16 — budget
- 20 Automaker Ransom Eli
- 22 "You Bet Your Life" host
- 23 Got nosy
- 25 Williams or Koppel
- 26 Anger
- 27 Ordinary
- 29 Sans siblings
- 31 Gun the engine
- 32 Tarzan's son
- 34 Yawn
- 38 Ask to be excused
- 40 They take the cake
- 42 Singer Cole
- 43 Farm implement
- 44 Tibetan monk



- 45 Sax player's need
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How to play

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♉ Taurus | April 21 - May 21.
What happens today will awaken your sense of injustice and compel you to take action.
♊ Gemini | May 22 - June 20.
Don't worry about other people's feelings: if you have something to say then you must come out with it right away.
♋ Cancer | June 21 - July 22.
Sometimes conflict is inevitable and that is the way of things now.

♌ Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. With mind planet Mercury strongly aspected you won't doubt for a moment that you are doing the right thing.
♍ Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. You won't be shy about letting the world know what you think today.
♎ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. Cosmic activity in one of the more dynamic areas of your chart, which endows you with no small amount of courage, so don't sit there and take criticism that isn't warranted — go on the offensive.
♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. If you want something done you can, of course, do it yourself, but you can

just as easily persuade others to do the work for you.
♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. Trust your instincts today and follow them wherever they might lead.
♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan. 20. It's all about attitude: if you believe you can reach your goal you will find a way.
♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb. 18. The best way to avoid trouble is to think before you act — but how likely is that when you feel so adventurous?
♓ Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. You may not take kindly to others telling you how to do things but if you are smart you will listen.
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